

HOUSE COMMITTEE
SHAKE-UP ASSUREDIndications Are Pennsylvania
Will Have Lead.

SENIORITY RULE FOUGHT

Under System Ohio, With Solid
Delegation, Will Have But
One Big Committee Head.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 13.—Pennsylvania, with seven, will top all the states in big house committee heads in the new congress unless the seniority rule is abrogated. All told, there are 40 standing committees, but some of them have little to do with important legislation. The seven important chairmanships Pennsylvania is expected to have are banking, claims, foreign affairs, judiciary, naval, postoffice and printing, a gain of two.

Iowa will have four—all big ones. They are ways and means, all-powerful to itself, roads, agricultural and insular affairs, although Chairman Tower of the latter could relinquish control there to take education, law to Ohio through the shift of Representative Fess to the senate.

Illinois will hold onto appropriations, the biggest committee of the house, and rules will pass from Kansas to New York. Rivers and harbors, accounts and Indian affairs will remain with New York, which has few Indians like those who used to be there.

Ohio Registers Protest.
In the present house, with a solid delegation, Ohio has the chairmanship of only one big committee—education. Ohio members insist that the old seniority system ought not to keep them out of honors they claim as their due.

The far west will hold onto several important committees, including immigration, labor, military and territories.

Minnesota last Tuesday lost heads of the judiciary and postoffice, holding onto pensions, and the northwest is beginning to clamor for greater representation. Some of the committees were shot to pieces. The committee on expositions and industrial arts looks as if a cyclone had struck it—eight of the ten republicans being off after March 4.

Indiana will get the chairmanship of the census, which must frame the bill for house reapportionment.

There will be a big shift all around, regardless of whether the seniority system holds up or falls down. About ten vacancies are to be filled on appropriations. A scramble already has started for four or five of the places, which on the rules committee which will be vacant.

Two May Be Abolished.
Massachusetts will cling to merchant marine and interstate commerce, two committees in which important legislation will be considered.

The steering committee, which consists of seven members, two of whom will not come back. Greene of Vermont was elected to the senate and Dunn of New York did not run. The others, who hold over are Darrow, Pennsylvania; Longworth, Ohio; Sanders, Indiana; Anderson, Minnesota; and Nolan, California. New England and New York will insist on continued representation.

Two committees may be abolished. One is woman suffrage and the other is control of the liquor traffic. Members say they might as well be wiped out.

As chairman of the committee on committees, which picks men for the hundreds of places, Representative Mann of Illinois, veteran of many legislative battles, occupies a position of power greater than that of any other man in shaping the organization of the next house.

PHONE CUT HELD UNJUST

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der did not allow the telephone company a fair rate of return on its investment; that at present the corporation realizes but 2.30 per cent profit on its invested capital and that the new rates, if allowed to become effective, would cut \$200,000 from its annual revenue and bring its profits down to less than 1.50 per cent of invested capital.

That provision of the order, requiring the company immediately to begin the installation of a selective ringing system, in place of the present, on-ringing system, also was attacked by the lawyer.

Such Change Held Costly.
"Such an order allows the commission to invade the province of the management of the corporation," he said. "Such a change would cost no less than half a million dollars and require two and a half years' time to complete. It is a queer proceeding when the commissioners, with no experience in the telephone business—in fact, with no experience in any kind of business, are allowed to conduct the management of a corporation, management which requires a great amount of technical knowledge."

Spencer dwelt at length on the hurried manner in which the commission issued the order—one week before election. He declared that the telephone company did not receive time in which to complete its

GIRL PRODIGY HAS WONDERFUL SOPRANO VOICE.



MARION TALLEY.

Marion Talley, 15-year-old daughter of a railroad telegraph operator of Kansas City, Mo., last week had her voice judged by Otto Kahn, chairman of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Opera company, New York, and Director Giulio Gatti-Casazza, and amazed the opera conductors by her wonderful soprano voice.

The girl wonder from Kansas City was advised by the conductors of the opera company not to appear before public audiences for at least three years and to study under a good teacher, then this girl prodigy who is knocking at the door of fame may again appear on the Metropolitan stage and realize her ambitions.

case; that for several weeks the commission bombarded the management of the corporation with requests for information. This information could not be furnished on the spur of the moment, the lawyer said.

Another phase of the order, requiring a special system of accounting and reports, on the part of the corporation with regard to variance with that required by the interstate commerce commission, was also assailed by Spencer. This section of the order, he contended, was arbitrary and unjust, a useless and needless financial burden on the firm.

Commission Files Answer.
H. M. Esterly, attorney-examiner for the present commission, answered for the public service body. He contended that the temporary order was necessary because the high rates and poor service were driving away subscribers and that to prevent the telephone system of the state from becoming ineffective and useless some sort of remedy was needed at once. Esterly's reply was primarily based on legal and technical grounds. He answered a number of the financial arguments advanced by the corporation's lawyer, but devoted the principal part of his time to a strictly legal discussion of the case. The rate-making powers of the state, he contended, were subject to review by the state courts—the telephone company had recourse to those courts—and since the matter had not been definitely settled within the state of Oregon, the telephone company was premature in asking for an injunction from the federal court.

Briefs Submitted to Court.
Esterly declared that since competition in the telephone field was eliminated by the death of its old company in 1913, that telephone rates have increased, in three successive increases, 50 per cent. He admitted that the two members of the commission, McCoy and Kerrigan, had pledged themselves to their constituents to work for lower rates, but that such action was not proper; in fact, he said, it was a duty.

Willis K. Moore, assistant attorney-general, representing the state, and Charles H. Carey, attorney for the telephone company, argued the case along strictly technical and legal grounds. The briefs and printed pamphlets were submitted to the court, which reserved action until a later date.

Though Commissioner Corey, McCoy and Kerrigan were present at the hearing, few of the old stalwarts of the telephone rate reduction forces were to be seen in the court room. Kerrigan, at whom Spencer's remarks regarding the political aspect of the order were directed, took no offense when the corporation attorney hurled the charge, but contented himself with smiling broadly.

QUAKE DEATHS INCREASE

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the earthquake in Chile last week was given to the Associated Press here tonight by Captain T. J. J. See, government astronomer at the Mare Island naval station. Captain See has for years made a special study of earthquakes and seismic sea waves. He said that the waters of the ocean, being heated by the earth's crust to the heated lava below, produced steam, the pressure of which moved lava from under the ocean under the land, raising the land and permitting the floor of the ocean to subside, causing the earth shocks and marine disturbances resulting in tidal waves. He said: "Scientific investigation has shown that the order of events here described indicates a sinking of the sea bottom over a considerable area. It may be a subsidence of several hundred feet over an area as large as a big county, or as large as a small state like Rhode Island or Delaware. The subsidence indicates that the sea bottom has been so undermined that it gives down in an earthquake. The dropping of the block of sea bottom lowers the level of the overlying water and thus the ocean flows in from all directions to restore the sea level. In this movement the water near shore is forced under the land, and the momentum of the impinging currents from all directions, the hour or less time, however, the ridge of water collapses and the first great seismic sea wave comes ashore. This is the correct explanation of great seismic sea waves such as those of Arica in 1868, Iquique in 1877 and Coquimbo, 1922.

"It usually is observed in such

great earthquakes that the adjacent seacoast is uplifted. Doubtless in this new disturbance the coast has been uplifted between Antofagasta and Valparaiso, but the details of this uplift are not yet available. The great earthquake at Yakutat bay, Alaska, in 1892, raised the coast for more than 100 miles and in some places by as much as 47 feet. "The ocean leakage slowly introduces so much steam into the saturated lava just beneath the crust that the molten mass becomes more space. The power accumulated in the lava finally moves the local blocks of the earth's crust and adjusts the pressure by allowing the lava to expand toward the land. It is to be noticed that steam accumulates under the deep sea, but scarcely at all under the land; hence the movement is toward the land, while the earth's crust was uplifted into mountain ranges parallel to the sea coast."

QUAKES FEARED LONG TIME

People in Wrecked Area Are Declared to Be Fatalists.

Earthquakes of more or less serious nature have been occurring along the Chilean coast for the last year, but the death of its old coast towns and creating a serious element of apprehension, according to Mrs. Luis Abell, ex-Portland, Ore., who is now a resident of Bolivia and is well-acquainted with the area affected by the gigantic quake which has just thrown that part of South America into confusion. Mrs. Abell said last night that small disturbances have occurred frequently for many months, that they had become a topic of general conversation and were regarded as a menace. While some of them were very slight, she said, others were more violent.

"Nothing was ever done," she added, "and no families ever moved out of the danger zone. The people down there are all fatalistic and keep on doing as they always have, regardless of any threatening influence."

"On the day we were sailing, as we were going to the American consulate, an unusually heavy disturbance occurred. The street rose and fell beneath us and we felt that it would surely break open, but when we got on board the ship, those who had been there all the time said that they had felt no disturbance at all."

VOLSTEAD ACT HELD SAFE

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LADY ASTOR CENTER
OF BITTER BATTLEViscountess Has Hard Battle
to Keep Seat.

WET ISSUE INVOLVED

"I Am Not Trying to Take Away
Anyone's Beer, but Want Trade
Controlled," Is Reply.

PLYMOUTH, Eng., Nov. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—Feeling is unusually bitter in Viscountess Astor's campaign here. She is having a hard fight to retain her seat and there has been a remarkable display of heat. Personalities and abuse have driven party politics into the background. One charge which the voters have brought against Lady Astor and which counts in this community of workingmen is her stand on liquor. The favorite epithet of those who oppose her is "pussy-foot," and her opponents use the word as though it were a crime.

"I am not trying to take away anyone's beer," is Lady Astor's answer. "I want to give the voters freedom to control the drink trade, but brewers too often control trade in politics."

Confiscation Is Opposed.
The viscountess says she would not countenance any confiscation of trade without compensation. The real struggle is between her and her independent-conservative rival, Dr. Bayly. He is for "freedom and liberty, lower taxation and the old British sporting spirit." Dr. Bayly opposes Astor's sponsored in the last house.

Labor has a candidate in the person of Captain Dr. Bayly, but Lady Astor has much enthusiastic labor support, including one of the labor leaders, F. H. West. Mrs. Isaac Foot, wife of the liberal candidate whom Lady Astor defeated in her first campaign, is speaking in her behalf.

Viscount Appears With Wife.
Although nominally a conservative, the viscountess declares herself a social reformer, and says she is more at home with the poor than the rich. Viscount Astor appears with his wife at all meetings. Her most effective work, as in her first campaign, is canvassing among the people. The workmen's wives crowd about her and applaud her.

The Bayly section has issued libel writs against a number of her supporters, one against Maude Royden, a prominent woman preacher. Local predictions are that Viscountess Astor will be returned with a sweeping majority. Her supporters consist mainly of liberals, laborites, temperance people and church people, particularly non-conformists.

CONSERVATIVES BEST BET

Largest Group in Next House of Commons Is Predicted.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—While all the newspapers of Great Britain practically concede that the conservatives will have the largest group in the next house of commons, if not a majority over all others combined, even the liberal papers, which oppose the coalition, are in no wise satisfied with this prospect.

The Manchester Guardian, which is the strongest pillar of liberalism, has pointed out that the conservatives are a minority party and that there is danger that the country will be ruled by a minority of the minority, meaning the extreme wing of the party. It argued that the section of the party represented by Lord Salisbury, the Duke of Northumberland and others like them, is composed of reactionaries who would ruin the country if they had their way.

"They are full-blooded protectionists and a steadfast menace to our established commercial system," said the paper. "They are militarists for immediate war in reckless foreign enterprises; they are for the rule of force and nothing but force in India; they would restore to the lords the power of veto over the commons."

The Guardian declared in conclusion that the only security against them is Mr. Bonar Law, who, it said, "himself is a conservative, an Orangeman and protectionist, and whose health may not long stand the strain of his position."

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strongly opposed by a conservative candidate, he says the greatest menace to the country is reaction, but where the opponent is a laborite he says the greatest danger is revolution and assaults on capital.

BEND BUDGET INCREASES

More Funds to Be Raised to Keep Pace With City's Growth.

BEND, Or., Nov. 13.—(Special.)—A 1923 budget increase for Bend of \$2183.70 over that in effect during the present year will involve a levy of \$9790.70 in excess of that made to finance 1922 city expenses. It was made known today in the report of the city council and the advisory committee, which fixes the 1923 budget at \$83,590 and the amount to be raised by taxation of \$77,790. The council meeting on the evening of November 17 was set as the date on which taxpayers will be given the opportunity to be heard in favor of or against the levy.

Bend's rapid growth and expectations that this growth will continue have prompted increases in the amounts allowed for practically all departments of administration. The county levy will be \$101,242, with \$12,500 as interest on bonds and \$15,180 for market roads.

DOCTOR HALED TO COURT

Vancouver Surgeon Faces Jail if Alimony Is Not Paid.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 13.—(Special.)—Dr. J. L. Lutz, a surgeon, was cited for contempt of court today upon complaint of his ex-wife, who declared that she had received no alimony for 11 months. Dr. Lutz has since remitted and told the court today that he had a hard time making both ends meet. When he married last March for the second time, Dr. Lutz's wife had just \$150 left after the ceremony, he told the court.

Judge George E. Simpson gave him time to pay her \$100. If it is not paid he will be confined in the county jail, Judge Simpson told him.

Dr. Lutz is suing for divorce but his wife won't sue and \$75 a month alimony.

WAR VETERAN ON VISIT

S. M. Jackson, Who Fought Under Grant, Sees Granddaughter.

BROWNSVILLE, Or., Nov. 13.—Stephen M. Jackson, 79, has arrived at Brownsville from Hawarden, Ia., to pay a visit to his granddaughter, Mrs. Everett Earle Stanard.

A native Ohioan, Mr. Jackson began traveling about the United States when he was 15 years old, for it was then he joined the Union army under McClellan. He fought in the initial battle of the war at Cheat Mountain, W. Va., marching later with Grant and Sherman to the capture of Vicksburg, and then with Sherman to the capture of Atlanta. He proudly exhibits two discharge papers, for immediately after his first term of service in the Union army Mr. Jackson re-enlisted.

108 MURDERS CONFESSED

Series of Crimes Revealed by Arrest of Prussian Gang.

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MOSCOW, Nov. 13.—One of the foulest series of crimes in history has been unearthed by the Moscow criminal police in the arrest of a band of five persons, who have confessed to murdering 108 persons, as well as committing numerous rapes and robberies.

The band began by killing a family of six persons in Moscow, and then roamed the country, exterminating whole families, two of which consisted of 18 persons each. Rape, robbery and ax murders followed by firing the house of the family was the programme of the band.

BOAT OWNER SAVED LIFE

Engineer of Cricket, Clinging to Icebox, Is Rescued.

ST. HELENS, Or., Nov. 13.—(Special.)—Chris Smith, who shared a motorboat here, it developed today, effected the rescue of the engineer of the tug Cricket, who was found floating on an icebox in the Columbia after the Cricket had been rammed by the Wapama last night. He heard the crash when the ships collided, jumped into his launch and fished the engineer out of the water.

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5. "My Yiddish Mamma," fox trot, Gerber, Schwartz and Cantor
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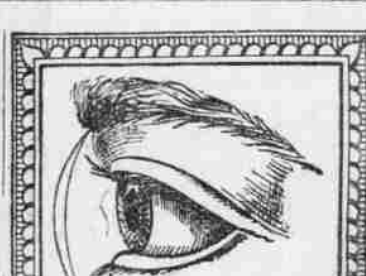
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